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SUBJ: TURKISH FINANCE MINISTER'S VISIT

REF: ANKARA 6946

1. IN COMMENT TO AMERICAN JOURNALIST SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE, TURKISH FINANCE MINISTER BAYKAL SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT. IT WAS HECTIC TIME. TWENTY OR SO DELEGATIONS LIKE HIS HAD TO BE CARED FOR BY LIBYANS, BUT BAYKAL HAD TALKS ON HIS LAST DAY WITH QADHAFI, JALLOUD AND MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS. QADHAFI SENT HIM BACK TO ANKARA VIA TUNIS IN SPECIAL LIBYAN AIRCRAFT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND BAYKAL SOUGHT LIBYAN ASSISTANCE IN LINING UP SUPPORT AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR TURKEY'S POSITION ON CYPRUS AT UNGA. ON POSSIBLE FINANCIAL
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ASSISTANCE--SUBJECT WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN ON EVERYONE'S

TALKING PAPER--MEMBER OF TURKISH PARTY COMMENTED THAT
MAJOR PROBLEM IN MAKING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH
LIBYANS WAS LATTER'S DISORGANIZATION.

3. LARG PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCED BAYKAL DISCUSSED
COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF ECONOMY, MANPOWER AND FINANCE,
AND SAID TURKISH COMPANIES ARE READY TO TAKE PART IN
LIBYAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

4. INCIDENTALLY, PAKISTAN MINISTER AZIZ AHMAD TOLD
CHARGE BAYKAL CLAIMED HE WAS PICKED TO COME HERE SIMPLY
BECAUSE HE WAS A MINISTER AVAILABLE AT TIME OF LIBYAN
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.
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